5. Search results and tips

Did you find what you were looking for? The items owned by the most libraries are listed first. Search results appear with minimal details about each item. To learn more about any item, click on its title.

More tips

Like what you are finding? Click on the Related Authors ⬚ or Related Subjects ⬚ buttons to find more.

Once you have your results, you can sort up to 500 records using the Sort button ⬚, or decrease the number of results by using the Limit button ⬚.

Want to save your results? Use the checkbox on the left to view, e-mail, print or (from home) save-to-disk a subset of your search results.

Advanced and Expert Search options are also available, allowing you to specify your search more precisely and to combine search terms.

Looking for a good book?

One search of the Montana Library Network Catalog gives you the whereabouts of most of the books, magazines, films, music, etc., in more than 250 Montana libraries. Additionally, for Montana citizens, MLNCAT provides access to OCLC WorldCat, a worldwide library catalog with more than 56 million records.

Find what you want? Your library likely can borrow it for you. Here's how to use the catalog:

1. Connect to the catalog
http://mlncat.org

2. Select a group of libraries

Use the drop-down menu labeled "Limit to:" to pick a group of libraries by library type or region. The preset search is "All Montana Libraries."

All Montana Libraries
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Montana Academic Libraries
Montana Public Libraries
Montana School Libraries
Montana Special Libraries

Central Montana Libraries
Eastern Montana Libraries
Hi-Line Montana Libraries
Western Montana Libraries

3. Start with a basic search

Once you've selected a library group, a "Basic Search" screen displays.

4. Perform your search

Type a word or short phrase into the search box next to the type of search you wish to perform.

Example: Type "this house of sky" in the Title box, or "ivan doig" in the Author box.

Press ENTER or click the Search button near the bottom of the screen.

For more searching tips, please see back panel.

For additional help, please contact your librarian.